

Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Josh is a graduate of Dell Rapids St. Mary High School in Dell Rapids, SD. Currently, he is attending Morningside College, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Josh for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5345. An act to designate the Marshall Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to provide leadership for the U.S. rocket propulsion industrial base, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5346. An act to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for licenses and experimental permits for space support vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5905. An act to authorize basic research programs in the Department of Energy Office of Science for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

H.R. 5906. An act to amend the America COMPETES Act to establish Department of Energy policy for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5907. An act to provide directors of the National Laboratories signature authority for certain agreements, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 770) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2061) to reau-

thorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Carter of Texas, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Fortenberry, Mr. Fleischmann, Ms. Herrera Beutler, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Lowey, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Visclosky, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, and Ms. Wasserman Schultz, be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 3:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res 60. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6157. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6160. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the sources of the authority to issue regulations regarding certifications and other criteria applicable to legislative branch employees under Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 299. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5345. An act to designate the Marshall Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to provide leadership for the U.S. rocket propulsion industrial base, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5346. An act to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for licenses and experimental permits for space support vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5906. An act to amend the America COMPETES Act to establish Department of Energy policy for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5907. An act to provide directors of the National Laboratories signature authority

for certain agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6160. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the sources of the authority to issue regulations regarding certifications and other criteria applicable to legislative branch employees under Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5905. An act to authorize basic research programs in the Department of Energy Office of Science for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

H.R. 6157. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5778. A communication from the Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's establishment of Cross Functional Teams (CFTs); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5779. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5781. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of DFARS Clause 'Pricing Adjustments'" ((RIN0750-AJ93) (DFARS Case 2018-D032)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5782. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of DFARS Clause 'Requirements'" ((RIN0750-AJ91) (DFARS Case 2018-D030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5783. A communication from the Director of Defense Pricing and Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Undefined Contract Action Definition" ((RIN0750-AI99) (DFARS Case 2015-D024)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June